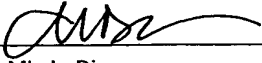


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30 This is in response to Examiner F. Saether's letter dated 02/26/2002.

In response to Examiner Saether's requirement to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants elect species C, Fig 8.

As further required to list all claims readable on the elected species, Applicant believes that claims 1 - 25 read on elected species C.

35 Since the 25 claims are all of the claims pending in the application, none of the claims are canceled at this time. No claims are to be added at this time.

Applicants do not elect to traverse the election requirement.